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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0786

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, MT, NATO

SUBJECT: COMMENT ON GOM LETTER OF APRIL 21 .

REF: VALLETTA 0777

1. OUR FIRST REACTION TO NEW LETTER FROM MIZZI TO AMBASSADOR
(REFTEL) IN REPLY TO NATO MEMORANDUM IS THAT WE SHOULD
SUSPEND DIALOGUE AT THIS POINT, AND PLAN ON MAKING
FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT AS SCHEDULED.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT THAT IN SPITE OF COMPLAINTS AND CONTINUED
INSISTENCE ON CONSIDERING ILLUSTRATIVE JANUARY 10 AMOUNTS
AS A COMMITMENT LETTER DOES NOT REJECT SPECIAL PAYMENTS
AS OFFERED AND ENDS BY PROVIDING NECESSARY INFORMATION
AS TO ACCOUNT AND BANK INTO WHICH IT SHOULD BE PAID.
NATO POSITION IS WELL DOCUMENTED, AND ANY FURTHER ATTEMPT
ON OUR PART TO ARGUE THE PERSISTENT MALTESE MISINTERPRETATIONS
WOULD CERTAINLY NOT RESULT IN OUR HAVING THE LAST WORD. UNLESS
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GOM RAISES QUESTION AGAIN, IT WOULD APPEAR BEST TO LET
MATTER REST, MAKE SPECIAL PAYMENT IN MAY, AND SEE HOW
GOM REACTS WHEN AMOUNTS OF SECOND SPECIAL PAYMENT ARE
COMMUNICATED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1973. IT ALSO SEEMS
THAT NEITHER SIDE WOULD HAVE ANY INTEREST IN TRYING TO
REFINE QUESTION OF " FUTURE YEARS" IN VIEW OF RESPECTIVE
POSITIONS ON THIS ASPECT. GETZ

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